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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Withdrawn) A pressure element (7) for an edge gluing machine for gluing a bandlike covering (4) or film by means of an adhesive onto a narrow face (3) of a straight or curved cross section of a board element (2) or onto a profile bar having a surface of straight or profiled cross section, wherein the pressure element (7) comprises an elastically deformable pressure face (30).
- 2. (Withdrawn) The pressure element of claim 1, wherein the pressure element comprises a sliding shoe (7).
- 3. (Withdrawn) The pressure element of claim 1, wherein the deformable pressure face comprises an elastic band.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The pressure element of claim 3, wherein the deformable pressure face comprises a spring-steel band (30).
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method for gluing a bandlike covering (4) or film onto a narrow face (3) of a board element (2) or a profile bar having a surface of straight or profiled cross section with adhesive, the covering (4) or film being pressed onto the narrow face (3) or profile bar by means of at least one pressure element (7) wherein the covering (4) or film is pressed on by means of a pressure element (7) which has an elastically deformable pressure face (30) that deformably matches and exerts uniform pressure on the shape of the narrow face (3) or of the profile bar, wherein movement of the board element or profile bar along its length, in relation to the pressure head, occurs while the covering is uniformly pressed onto the narrow face.
  - 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the adhesive is a hot melt adhesive.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the board element comprises chipboard, fiber board, or solid wood board.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the deformable face comprises an elastic band.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the deformable face comprises a spring-steel band.
- 10. (New) A method for uniformly adhering a bandlike covering onto a narrow face of a board element, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a pressure element that includes an elastically deformable pressure face that is capable of deformably matching and exerting uniform pressure on the narrow face, said pressure element having a length which is less than that of the narrow face; and
- b) uniformly adhering the covering and adhesive onto the narrow face with the pressure element.
- 11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein at least one of the pressure element and the board element is moving during the step b).
- 12. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the pressure element has a length which is substantially shorter than that of the narrow face
- 13. (New) A method for uniformly adhering a film onto a narrow face of a board element or profile bar comprising the steps of:
- a) bringing the narrow face into initial contact with the film, with an adhesive interposed, by contacting an entry zone of a pressure element;

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b) uniformly pressing the film onto the narrow face, with the pressure element, said pressure element having an elastically deformable pressure face that deformably matches and exerts uniform pressure on the narrow face; and

c) moving at least one of the pressure head and the board element or profile bar, relative to the other, while uniformly pressing the film onto the narrow face with the pressure element, along the length of the board element or profile bar;

thereby uniformly adhering the film onto the narrow face of the board element or profile bar.

- 14. (New) A method for uniformly adhering a bandlike covering onto a narrow face of a board element or profile bar, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a pressure element that includes an elastically deformable pressure face that is capable of deformably matching and exerting uniform pressure on the narrow face; and
- b) moving at least one of the pressure head and the board element or profile bar, relative to the other, while uniformly pressing the covering onto the narrow face with the pressure element, along the length of the board element or profile bar,

thereby uniformly adhering the covering onto the narrow face of the board element or profile bar.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the pressure element has a length which is substantially shorter than that of the narrow face.